

Fresno County Projection Highlights

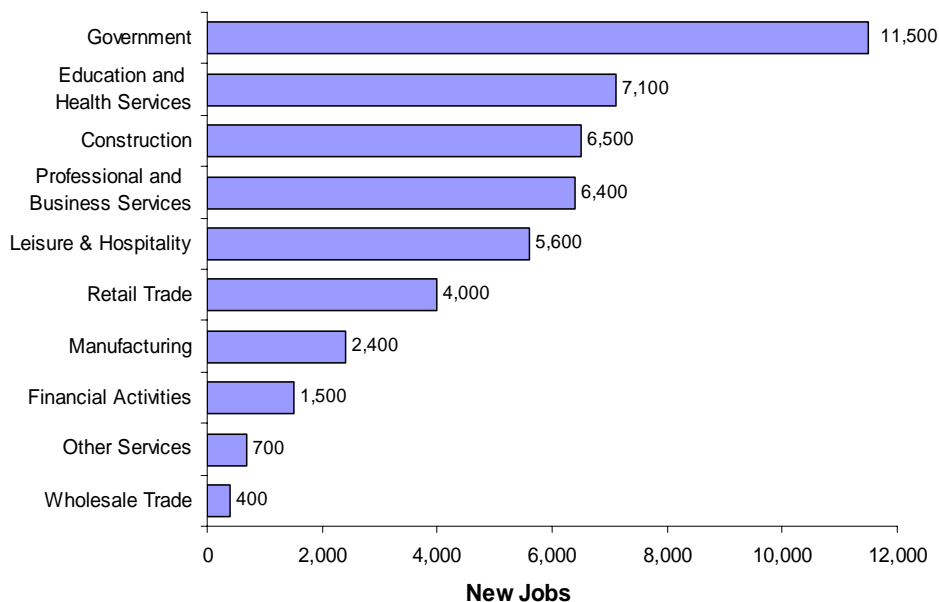
Industry

Effective with the employment projections for 2004-2014, Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, and Farm Employment have been added to nonfarm wage and salary employment to represent total employment. Fresno County's total employment is expected to grow about 1 percent, on average, each year between 2004 and 2014. This growth will add approximately 42,500 new jobs by 2014.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment, which is about 78 percent of total employment, is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 1.6 percent.

Approximately 80 percent of all nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Government, Education and Health Services, Construction, Professional and Business Services, and Leisure and Hospitality. The chart below shows the top ten industries with the most growth.

**Top Ten Growth Industries
2004-2014**



Industries forecasted to grow faster than the region's average annual rate include Construction (3.3 percent), Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (2.9 percent), and Education and Health Services (2.6 percent).

Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2004-2014 forecast:

- About 42,500 new jobs from industry growth,
- Approximately 86,500 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 129,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate about 57 percent of all job openings in Fresno County between 2004 and 2014. The addition of Farm employment to the occupational projections in this leading agricultural region puts Farmworkers and Laborers at the top of the list. Even though this occupation is not expected to grow, a significant number of job openings are forecasted due to replacement needs. Other occupations at the top of the list are Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, which typically require short-term on-the-job training. Occupations that require an associate degree or higher such as Registered Nurses, Teachers, General Managers, and Accountants and Auditors are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period.

Occupations in Construction, Food Services, and Healthcare are among the top 50 fastest growing occupations. Construction related occupations require moderate to long-term training while occupations in Food Services require short-term training. Education and training requirements vary for Healthcare occupations, ranging from short-term training to an associate degree.

The chart below demonstrates all occupational job openings by education and training level.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

